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*J'aime les fables des philosophes, je ris
de celles des enfants, et je hais celles
des imposteurs*

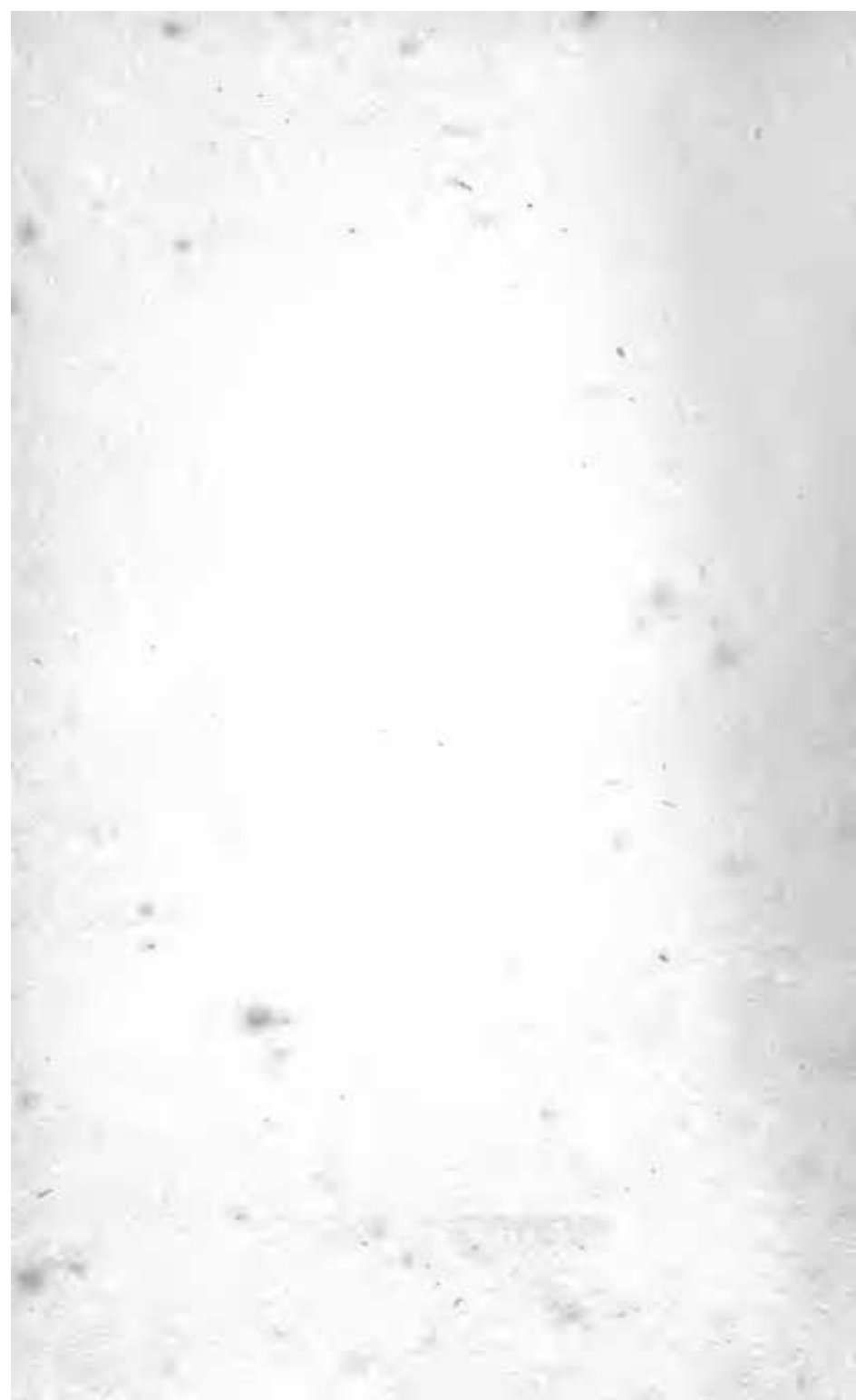
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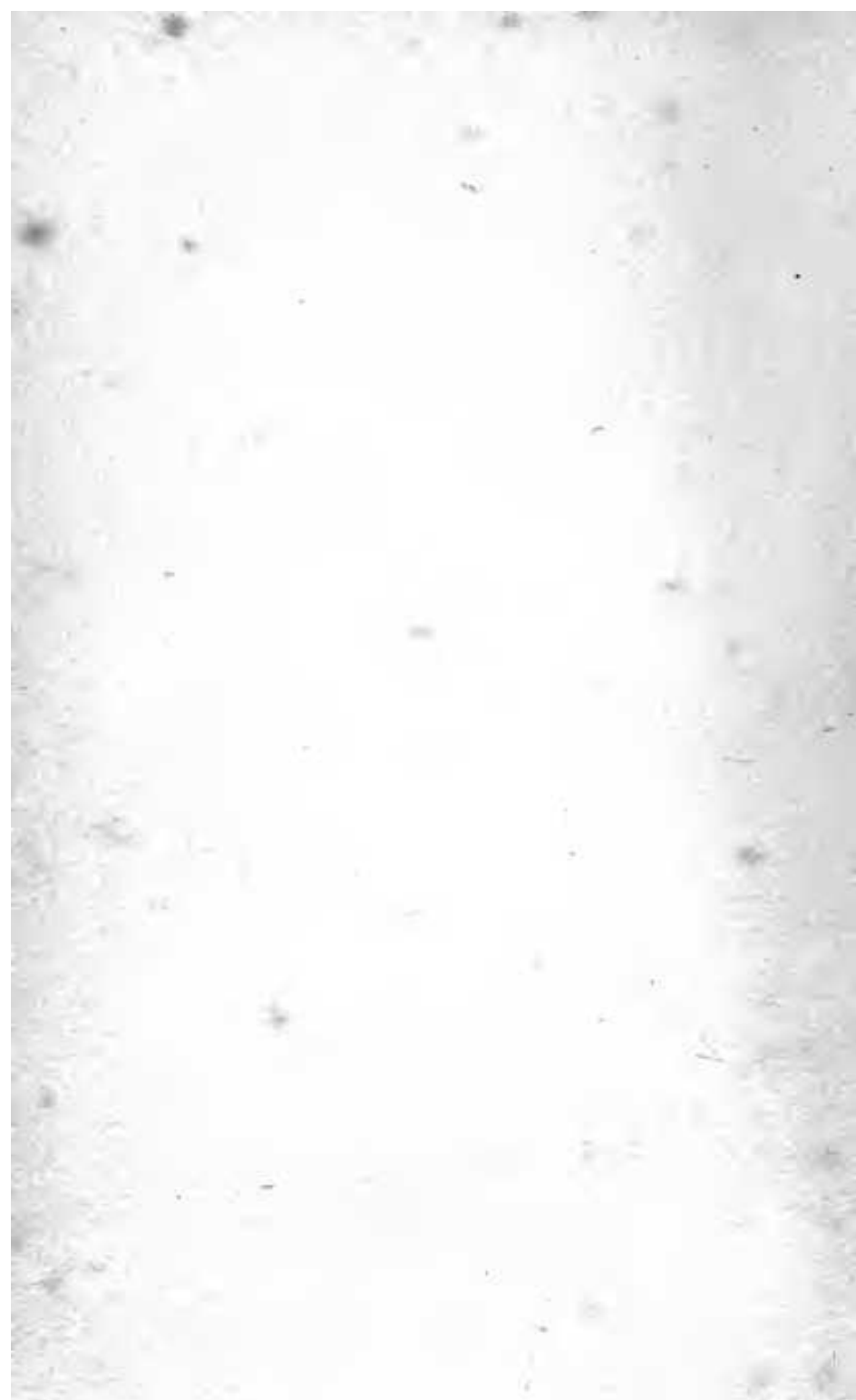
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I

PRELUDE

*His star is a strange one ! One that leadeth
him to fortune by the path of frowns ! to
greatness by the aid of thwackings !*

“THE SHAVING OF SHAGPAT ”